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### INLAND CHINA UNDER A REPUBLIC.

A glimpse into the far interior of China under the new regime is afforded by an article on medical work in Pingyang, Shanxi, which Mrs. John Carr contributes to the current China's Millions. She says that politically strange changes are taking place. Most of the power in the city is in the hands of an energetic military officer, Pingyang is to become the military centre for the south of the province, and temples are being pulled down right and left to provide materials for building barracks and officers' quarters. Chang Hwang, the military official, is himself living in a transformed temple, and the writer has seldom seen a more extraordinary sight than the homeless idols, sitting or standing in the midst of heaps of debris, which are now visible all over the north-west corner of the city, near these new barracks. But Chang Hwang cares nothing for the old beliefs, and probably pictures himself on belonging to the "no god party," an evidence, the writer thinks, of the great danger China is in of drifting into atheism or sheer materialism. Mrs. Carr goes on to say that people are for the most part, she thinks, indifferent to the Republic. There is still a good deal of robbery and unrest in the country, but soldiers are energetically hunting these gangs of bandits, and executions are constantly taking place. The most apparent changes lie in the direction of things external. For instance, silver ornaments, beloved by the women, are no longer to be worn. There are special proclamations out about style of clothing, all the Manchu fashions being supposed to go, and their place taken by something fairly pre-Manchu and partly foreign. Titles are supposed to be dropped, and it almost seems as if all that is left, to the minds at any rate, of the old and festive is to go, and the people are to be brought more or less to a dead level. So far it has not greatly affected the conservative old city in question, except that all the silvermiths have picked up and gone, but they await developments, and hope, since it has started, the Republic will keep together, and that the many fine men who are really seeking China's best will be able to keep control.

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MOW FUNG & CO.

Hongkong, March 3, 1913 307

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MOW FUNG & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 3, 1913. 306

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Hongkong, February 22, 1913. 292

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Proposal by General Chang.  
Under the above heading "The Times" Shanghai correspondent, writing on Jan. 19, states that a remarkable document, in the shape of a telegram from General Chang Hsun, of Nanking (same to the Cabinet, Provincial Councils, and commanders, has come into his hands. The telegram was circulated at the end of December, but it has not appeared in print, and its suggestiveness, says the correspondent, is so marked, in view of the present condition of China, that it deserves to be made known.  
After emphasising the indignation caused in China by the secession of Mongolia, General Chang points out that the failure of China in this instance has not been entirely due to diplomacy, but partly to internal administration. "In one year of Republicanism the Cabinet has three times been formed and overthrown. Orders from the Central Government are issued only to raise protest and controversy. Unprincipled men get into office by favour, able men keep aloof.  
The Government is full of corrupt officials, who live in luxury and pleasure all their days, and in office are self-seekers, who run about to obtain honours. In this condition it is hopeless to speak of union.  
Added to this, continues General Chang, "financial difficulty has reached its zenith and the people's hard lot shows no change." In passing it may be said that the picture, on their evidence, would not appear to be overdrawn. General Chang then remarks that "unless we are to abandon resistance to Russia's contention we must begin by improving internal administration"—and this noteworthy suggestion follows:—  
Our President, Mr. Yuan, possesses great character and capabilities. His service in China and abroad has been well known. He is looked up to by the people and admired by the world. Since he has taken office he has achieved nothing. Is this because his talents were formerly excellent, but now are poor? He has been hampered by the position of affairs, restricted by forms and letters. The office of President is merely an empty name, and why should there be this superfluity? The thing to do is to invest him with full powers and important authority... so that... administration may be properly adjusted. Our brethren should cast aside selfish views and endeavour to help the dangerous position... Let them strengthen the national foundations and patriotically pull together and abandon party feeling to save the fatherland situation.  
As for the Mongolian expedition, that, says General Chang, is a soldier's affair, and he himself, "though a stupid fellow," would take the responsibility of leading it. What strikes me most forcibly, however, continues the correspondent, is that the Mongolian expedition is but a thin disguise for General Chang's real purpose, and that if Yuan Shih-kai were given sole authority, little more would be heard of an expedition to Mongolia. General Chang Hsun is now living at Yenchiang, in Southern Shantung, a little to the right of the Tientsin-Peking Railway. He has an excellent force of soldiers, estimated on good authority at 80,000 strong, well drilled and equipped. Discipline among General Chang's soldiers is good, and peace reigns throughout Southern Shantung, in marked contrast with the precarious condition across the border of North Kiangsu. Though drawing Republican pay, General Chang is said to be personally still an avowed Imperialist. His telegram quoted above may come to naught, but more will probably be heard of him before the year is out.

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Calcutta, &c.	Malabar & Co.	Malabar & Co.	Mar. 19, at 10 a.m.
Canton, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	About Mar. 12
Cebu, &c.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Mar. 13, at 11 a.m.
Colon, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	About Mar. 18
Darwin, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	About Mar. 13
London, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 15, at Noon
London, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	About Mar. 19
London, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	About Mar. 31
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Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 12, at 11 a.m.
Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 13, at 11 a.m.
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Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 17, at 11 a.m.
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Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 26, at 11 a.m.
Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 27, at 11 a.m.
Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 28, at 11 a.m.
Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 29, at 11 a.m.
Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 30, at 11 a.m.
Manila, &c.	Yamato	Yamato	Mar. 31, at 11 a.m.

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## INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

(From the Special Correspondent at Manila of the "London &amp; China Express.")

With the advent of the democrats to power comes the news that it is almost a certainty that the Philippines will soon be granted the independence they so dearly fought and longed for. The Jones Bill, which provides for a probationary period of eight years from July 4 next, and full independence in 1921, should the Filipinos prove themselves capable of running their own affairs, apparently has the favourable endorsement of President-Elect Woodrow Wilson. On receipt of the news here the local American Press became hysterical in its denunciation of the measure, while the Filipino Press was as violently hysterical in its elation. The truth has somewhat simmered down, and gleams of common sense are becoming apparent on both sides, but a certain unnecessary bitterness of feeling was engendered while the exchange of caustic and ill-considered criticisms was going on. Naturally, in a misguided and reckless indulging contest, there is little to be gleaned that is of value to a proper appreciation of the situation, and less than nothing to guide one in a forecast of future results if independence be granted. The argument most insistently urged upon the Philippines by the American local press against the projected measure is that if they are granted absolute independence, they would become a source of labor for Japan, France, Great Britain, Germany, and other nations. A commentary on the progress of modern civilization! It goes without saying that these Powers, having large interests in the Far East, will watch with the keenest interest the birth and development of this new Republic; but even were ambition to warp their standards of integrity, it is more than likely that they will foster its growth in order to preserve the balance of power in these regions, for the very reason of not endangering their neighbouring possessions. And, besides, none of the Powers would lightly dare to offend the United States by immediately trying to step into the vacant place.

## DANGERS OF INTERNAL DISSENSIONS.

The danger to the success of the new Republic lies rather in the possibility of internal dissensions or absorption of the Filipino race by the unlimited admission of emigrants from the overcrowded countries of China and Japan than from outside armed aggression. The danger of internal dissension cannot be lightly treated in a country peopled by 84 different tribes speaking 27 different dialects. And it is still a disputed question as to whether the Filipinos can be considered as not a nation. Before the advent of the Spaniards they certainly were not. The different tribes or races were ruled independently of each other by petty rulers. But it must be admitted that since several years prior to the revolt against Spain in 1899 very rapid strides have been made towards the nationalisation of the people, and it is a matter of history that the whole people were united as one in armed opposition to American rule, so that we may almost say to-day that the Filipinos are a nation formed by the evolution of a revolution. The question is, whether if given immediate independence, they would remain a united race?

There is the possibility that the Tagalog race, which practically dominates the north, might be ambitious to become predominant throughout the whole archipelago, in which case it is certain that the slower but more tenacious Visayans would dispute their rule in the southern islands. Such a split between the leading factors would spell chaos, for the moros or muslimans of Mindanao, Iloilo de Basilan and Sulu would break loose and form an independent government and would no doubt revert to their old trade of piracy. The turbulent tribes were in constant revolt against the Spanish Government, and are practically so to-day against the United States Government. There is certainly no indication at the present time of writing that such a split is ever likely to occur, but nevertheless the possibility of the danger is there.

## THE QUESTION OF ABSORPTION BY IMMIGRATION.

With the granting of independence comes the danger of absorption by immigration. Under Spanish rule the number of Chinese allowed to enter the islands was limited, and when the country came under American rule it was blanketed under the United States Immigration Act, but it is highly improbable that either China or Japan would stand such restriction from the Filipino Republic. It is notorious that both of these overcrowded countries are continually seeking an outlet for their surplus population, and with no restriction to bar their entry they

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would pour a continual stream of emigrants into the islands. Now past experience here has shown that the Chinese who have remained in the islands served but a short apprenticeship as coolies before they blossomed out into merchants and traders. Some half of the bulk of the commerce and trading is to-day in their hands. The half-breed race that has sprung from them by Filipino wives predominates in the richest sugar districts as landed proprietors. When such a condition exists in spite of restricted immigration, what will be the ultimate fate of the pure blooded Filipino race if the barriers are let down? This is the greatest menace to their independence (as independence should be properly understood) that the Filipinos have to fear, and it should make them ponder very seriously before accepting absolute independence from the United States.

For the rest, the Filipinos have shown evidence during the last few years of being able to manage their own affairs, and will no doubt prove at the end of the probationary term that they are capable of self-government. The democrats, in proposing to grant these Islands independence, after a probationary period, are simply carrying out the pledge given by the American people through their Republican representatives, and the dignity of a nation requires that its pledges should be kept. In this promise the Filipinos are entitled to their chance, and it is entirely due to them to be allowed to judge of the wisdom of their choice.

## THE CHINA COAST GAZETTE.

Mr. A. Buhr, second officer, Taishan, has gone chief officer, Kwangchi.  
Mr. H. Cornwell has been appointed second officer, Tashan.

Capt. J. Whitlaw of the Kiangyang, is on leave.

Capt. W. B. Wilks of the Toonan, has gone master, Kiangyang.

Mr. A. Wood, second engineer, Feiching, is on leave.

Mr. C. Stirling, third engineer Kungping, has gone third engineer, Feiching.

Mr. C. Strangman, third engineer, Kiangyang is on leave.

Mr. P. Stewart, third engineer, Toonan, has gone third engineer Kiangyang.

Mr. J. Lang, third engineer, Feiching, has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Mr. S. Smith, second officer, Kiangyang, is on leave.

Mr. R. Heintz, third officer, Kiangyang, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. Fitzpatrick, second engineer, Wingsang, has gone acting chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. B. Orment, chief engineer, Wingsang, is on leave.

Mr. A. L. Mowforth, supernumerary second officer, Yuensang, has resigned.

Mr. J. L. Beal, third engineer, Loongang, has gone acting second engineer, Wingsang.

Mr. T. Thomson has been appointed third engineer, Hangsang.

Mr. V. J. Byrne, third engineer, Hangsang, has gone acting second engineer, Yuensang.

Mr. B. M. Aveline, second engineer Yuensang, has resigned.

Mr. C. R. Spittle has rejoined as supernumerary second officer, Yuensang.

Mr. A. N. Morrison, third engineer, Onasang, has gone third engineer, Fooksang.

Mr. J. Smith, third engineer, Fooksang has gone third engineer, Loongang.

Mr. C. Bander, third engineer, Loongang, has gone third engineer, Onasang.

Mr. E. O. Pritchard, supernumerary second officer, same ship.

Mr. P. P. Fladgate, second officer, Onasang, has resigned.

Mr. F. F. Hamilton, from leave, has gone supernumerary second officer, Onasang.

Mr. R. C. Thomson, second officer, Wosang, has gone second officer, Luensho.

Mr. W. B. Paton, second officer, Luensho, has resigned.

Mr. A. L. Burton, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kwangchi.

Mr. E. B. Smith, chief officer, Kwangchi, is awaiting orders.

Captain D. H. Davies, from leave, has gone master, Kalgan.

Mr. W. G. Cowan, acting master, Kalgan, is awaiting orders.

Mr. H. George, supernumerary, Hain Peking, has gone supernumerary second engineer, Shengking.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, acting second engineer, Shengking, has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. D. McDowell, third engineer, Shengking, has gone third engineer, Shengking.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, acting second engineer, Shengking, has gone third engineer, same ship.

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## His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Commander	Last report at
Alacrity	despatch-boat	1700	15	3000	Comdr. O. L. Lamb	Hongkong
Admiralty	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. S. Prichard	Yangtze River
Belmont	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Yangtze River
Odin	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. P. E. T. Williams	Shanghai
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	aloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Collin Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Canton
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	5700	Lt.-Comdr. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4380	10	7000	Capt. C. F. Corbett, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Hampshire	cruiser, 1st class	10,630	10	20,500	Capt. Cuthbert E. Hunter	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. Brinkendon	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Lt.-Comdr. Boddam-Whetham	Hongkong
East	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Capt. A. T. Hunt, C.S.I.	Welshaiwei
Kinsh	river gunboat	614	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze
Merlin	aloop	1140	—	—	Capt. F. C. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,800	—	27,000	Capt. G. C. Cayley	Hongkong
Momouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartolot	en route to Kobe
Moorehead	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Shanghai
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	12	9200	Capt. Frederick A. Pawlett	Yangtze River
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Malcolm Murray	Hongkong
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lt.-Comdr. E. T. R. Chambers	Hongkong
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Rosario	depot ship, submarines	980	—	1400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	West River
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. J. A. S. Hutton	Yangtze River
Snake	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie	Hongkong
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	8500	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Tamir	receiving ship	4650	6	—	Commodore R. H. Austruther, C.M.G.	Hongkong
Tamir	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. G. Stopford	Upper Yangtze River
Tamir	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cottrell-Dormer	Yangtze River
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Uk	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Virago	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	590	6	5900	Lt.-Comdr. R. Neville	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	195	2	800	Lt.-Com. J. C. F. Borrett	Upper Yangtze River
Widgeon	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
Woodlark	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. O. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
C.37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
C.39	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
.035	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	Hongkong
.036	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Suleman	Hongkong
.037	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	Hongkong
.038	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. W. Seymour	West River

\* Flagship of Admiral Alfred L. Winslow, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief

## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name	Flag and description	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Captain	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	45	8000	Capt. H. Nauta	Shanghai
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Verxoe	Shanghai
Kleber	French armoured cruiser	9770	13	18,600	Capt. Gouts	Hongkong
Decidie	French gunboat	645	10	1700	Lt.-Comdr. Vandier	Salgon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lt.-Comdr. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lt.-Comdr. de Jerville	Canton
Peiho	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Collis	Tientsin
Dordard de Lagree	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Dupuy Duteamp	Tientsin
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Bolux	Salgon
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Bolux	Salgon
* Styx	French armoured gunboat	1708	10	1700	Lt.-Comdr. Guillaume-Louis	Salgon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	305	Lt.-Comdr. Aurillac	Salgon
d'Arville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hongkong
Pistolet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessar	Salgon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	—	Salgon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	9000	Comdr. Voisin	Salgon
* Flagship of Capt. (Commodore) Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indo-China.						
London	German cruiser	3600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restoff	Swatow
Gastonia	German armoured cruiser	11,600	36	24,000	Captain Brunninghaus	Tientsin
Ilis	German gunboat	900	13	1300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tientsin
Leipzig	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Bohneke	Tientsin
Luft	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tientsin
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,500	Capt. Mürberger	Hongkong
Otter	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Liut. Frie	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flag ship	11,600	36	24,000	Capt. Böning	Tientsin
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	6500	Capt. Liut. Berenberg	Tientsin
Tamir	German torpedo-boat	280	4	6000	Obst. v. S. Classen	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Böcker	Tientsin
Tingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. v. Frhr. Speth v. Schulburg	Canton
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Obst. v. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	3145	—	—	Comdr. Sonmi Pionardi	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patris	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain José de Carvalho Orto	Macao

## UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

Name	Class	Tons	Guns	H.P.	Commander	Last report at
Ensign J. McQ. Murray	U.S. submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. E. D. McWhorter	Cavite
Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	U.S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	Cavite
Ensign C. M. Yates	U.S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	Cavite
Com. M. L. Bristol	U.S. protected cruiser	3430	10	7500	Com. M. L. Bristol	Cavite
Ensign H. A. Jones	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign H. A. Jones	Cavite
Lt.-Comdr. B. Hill	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lt.-Comdr. B. Hill	Cavite
Ensign W. L. Heisberg	U.S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heisberg	Canton
Lt.-Comdr. F. J. Fletcher	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lt.-Comdr. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Comdr. S. S. Robinson	U.S. protected cruiser	3133	11	10,000	Comdr. S. S. Robinson	Cavite
Lt.-Comdr. C. A. Woodruff	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lt.-Comdr. C. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Lt.-Comdr. H. Green	U.S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lt.-Comdr. H. Green	Cavite
Lt. Comdr. S. Gannon	U.S. gunboat	620	4	600	Lt. Comdr. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Comdr. G. R. Marvell	U.S. gunboat	1393	6	1988	Comdr. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Lt. R. V. Lowry	U.S. station ship	1900	6	1100	Lt. R. V. Lowry	Cavite
Lt. E. P. Swire	U.S. monitor	3990	6	3000	Lt. E. P. Swire	Olongapo
Commander J. V. Chase	U.S. monitor	4064	4	5377	Commander J. V. Chase	Olongapo
Lt.-Comdr. B. B. Taylor	U.S. monitor	443	8	—	Lt.-Comdr. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
Lt.-Comdr. S. W. Wallace	U.S. gunboat	844	2	1600	Lt.-Comdr. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Lt.-Comdr. J. J. Hannigan	U.S. gunboat	2085	2	208	Lt.-Comdr. J. J. Hannigan	Shanghai
Lt. Comdr. D. W. Wurtzbaugh	U.S. gunboat	250	2	208	Lt. Comdr. D. W. Wurtzbaugh	Shanghai
Lt. G. C. Dickman	U.S. cruiser	4260	14	1800	Lt. G. C. Dickman	Shanghai
Comdr. H. A. Wiley	U.S. gunboat	843	8	250	Comdr. H. A. Wiley	Shanghai
Lt.-Comdr. E. Durr	U.S. armoured cruiser	8115	14	17,401	Lt.-Comdr. E. Durr	Shanghai
Comdr. J. F. Hubbard	U.S. gunboat	1277	8	1284	Comdr. J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Chief Boatswain P. E. Radcliffe	U.S. gunboat	403	—	650	Chief Boatswain P. E. Radcliffe	Hongkong

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the matter. The Aerial Navigation Act is now law, and it is pleasing to note that it does not err on the side of leniency, for in such a matter over-stringency is a virtue rather than the reverse. We have already commented upon this necessary and useful piece of legislation, and again refer to it in connection with the new Rules and Regulations just issued. Reuter informs us, by Mr. McKenna, the Home Secretary, in virtue of the powers conferred by the new Act. A glance at Mr. McKenna's "Regulations" conclusively shows that the authorities intend to make full use of the powers granted by Parliament. Briefly, the new Regulations, which Mr. McKenna has issued in the shape of "lengthy orders" aim—(and aim very effectually) at "controlling aircraft from abroad" and "defining the areas for landing"; also—which is more important—pointing out, in accordance with the Act, that "it is permissible for officers to fire at foreign aircraft contravening any of the said clauses of the Act." It may therefore be safely concluded that the British Isles are not likely to have many more surreptitious visits from audacious aviators. Aeroplanes or any kind of airships "may not enter Ireland," the Act states, and can only enter Scotland at a remote part in the North East. The total prohibition in regard to Ireland may, in view of the long continued ferment in that fair country, possibly appear to the perverted Son of Erin as another injustice to "ould Ireland," but there can be no doubt that it is safer to run the risk of our Irish friends' wrath than to give them the opportunity of (in a weak moment) attempting to "get even" with the Sassanach by helping, directly or indirectly, those who wish to hinder the United Kingdom. Prevention is better than cure; and after all, this doubtless means nothing more than a policy put into force after mature consideration had been given to it. With regard to England, three places in the East and four in the South coasts are the areas where aircraft may (after complying with certain stipulations) land. No fewer than fifty areas are mentioned as being "prohibited," these, of course, including dockyards, wireless stations, arsenals, railway stations used for the transportation of troops. Certain landmarks near fortresses and military works are also among the specially guarded areas; and it is further stated that any aircraft entering the country "will not be permitted to carry cameras, homing pigeons, firearms or wireless apparatus."

It is therefore clear that the Act is comprehensive and if it may at present be considered, by those not over-conspicuous for goodwill towards the British, as somewhat premature, it will certainly tend to alleviate the very just apprehensions which many people had good reason to entertain. There can be no doubt that the time, predicted long ago—in fiction, strange to say, more often than in fact) has come when aircraft is certain to play a tremendous part in any kind of warfare that may arise between European nations; and that being the case the British nation would not give much evidence of that solid, practical, good sense for which they are conspicuous were they not to be fully prepared for any and all likely emergencies that doubtless might easily arise in consequence of the advent of aircraft. The Aerial Navigation Act and the powers it confers and the manner in which those powers are being used indicate that the British in this, as in other things, prefer to take no risks, and are, in consequence, fully prepared for nocturnal or any other kind of surreptitious visits to their shores.

Five steamers, the Shengking, Feng-tian, Kifing, Anping, and Hanchi left Shanghai for Tientsin via Chefoo on February 22 in anticipation of the opening of the port. In spite of the amount of through traffic that is being carried by the Tientsin-Peking Railway, all the steamers were filled to their utmost capacity. On that day the river was reported free of ice as far as Haihe and on February 25 it was clear to Tientsin, the first steamers arriving on that date—C. S. and E. Gazette.

THE STEEL PONTOON HULK THAT IS BEING constructed by the Shanghai Dock Co. at Pootung for the Blue Funnel Company at Hankow was launched from the slip on February 24 and moored at the Old Dock Buoy. The hulk, which is the first craft to be constructed locally on the laborer system, is of the following dimensions—Length 384ft., breadth 45 and depth, moored, 12ft. and is constructed to take 3,540 tons deadweight on a draft of 10ft. 3ft. is the largest pontoon hulk that has so far been constructed in China.—C. S. and E. Gazette.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

H. W. Destroyers "Fame," "Whit-ting," "Viggo," "Janus," and "Torpedo Boat 033" and 038 returned to harbour this morning after the manoeuvres.

Before Mr. Hazland at the Police Court yesterday, a Chinese was fined 97 or 14 days for being in unlawful possession of sugar at West Point.

A Chinese aged 24 years has been found on the hillside of Man Kong Uk, Hangshau, wandering about in an unusual state of mind. He was taken to hospital.

At the Magistrate's yesterday before Mr. Hazland, a Chinese was charged by Inspector McDonald with stealing burners from lamps in Connaught Road. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks.

At the Magistrate's yesterday before Mr. Hazland, a Chinese was charged by Inspector McDonald with assaulting a woman at No. 7, Kennedy Town. The defendant was fined \$10 or one month and was bound over for twelve months to keep the peace.

At the Magistrate's yesterday before Mr. Hazland a Chinese was charged by Sergeant Ogg with assaulting another Chinese with an iron chisel at Wanchai. The defendant alleged that the other man not only stole his chisel, but struck him first. A fine of \$7 or 14 days was imposed.

A man named Leung Kwong Fuk, aged 30 years, a fisherman, was admitted to the Ho Miu Ling Hospital on Monday suffering from injuries received whilst dishing with dynamite at Deep Bay, in Chinese waters, and died the following day.

The B.I.S.N. Co.'s steamer Waroonga which arrived here on Tuesday has been sold to the Japanese and is now on her way North on her last trip under the British flag. The Waroonga is 1,600 tons net reg. and was built in 1882 by Messrs. A. and J. Inglis of Glasgow.

The local agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's Royal Mail Steamship Line, states:—We are in receipt of advice from our Yokohama Office to the effect that they had received a wireless message from the Commander of the "Empress of India," 880 miles out, reporting "All Well" and that he expected to arrive at Yokohama on Friday, March 7th, at 2 p.m.

The Management of the Kowloon Canton Railway are to-day advertising an accelerated and additional express train service between Kowloon and Canton. It will now be possible to leave Hongkong in the morning, spend a few hours at Canton, and return again the same evening. The new arrangement should prove popular particularly as reduced fares are offered.

The exodus of Chinese emigrants to the Straits after the New Year has set in with full force, over 5,000 having departed in three steamers since the 1st of this month. In favour of the fact that the Chinese New Year made less difference than in past years, a record emigration for February (which is generally small) was established this year, more leaving than in any previous February.

The Kwantung Government has now under contemplation, says the "Manchuria Daily News," the construction of a fog signal on South Sanharao Island, and lighthouses and fog signals on Ento Island and Encounter Rock. The proposed undertakings will be put in hand from the next fiscal year. The work on Sanharao Island is expected to require five months, that on Ento Island a year, and the one on Encounter Rock two years.

In connection with the robbery at 8, Coronation Terrace, Causeway Road, on Sunday morning, Lance-Sergeant Wills brought a man before Mr. Hazland at the Magistrate's yesterday and charged him with complicity in the affair. The accused was arrested on the train as he was about to leave for Canton, and had some of the jewellery which was stolen in his possession. The man, who pleaded guilty to robbery, but not to violence, was formally remanded for a week.

At the Magistrate's yesterday before Mr. Hazland three Chinese, one of whom was defended by Mr. Golding, solicitor, were charged by Sergeant Brown with kidnapping a boy from Yau-mai. Sergeant Brown said that on January 18th the three defendants and another man not in custody arranged the kidnapping of the boy. He was taken to Pak Sha and sold to a woman for \$40, but was found by the Canton police and sent back here.

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Before Mr. Melbourn at the Magistrate's yesterday, a Chinese woman was charged by a Chinese woman with stealing two sovereigns which became detached from her bangle after she had fallen from a tram-car which was going to the race course. Mr. Melbourn dismissed the case after hearing the evidence.

Extensive manoeuvres, attacking and defending the strategic points of the Colony, have been under way during the past two days. Yesterday a spirited attack was in evidence on the Lycomon and Pottinger Forts from the hills to the north. To an outsider approaching from the sea it looked very real to see the spurts of smoke puffing forth from the mountain tops, and to hear the faint roar of the guns and the answering roar of the 9.2's from Pottinger Fort.

The following candidates have been successful in their Board of Trade Examinations during the past month—Charles Ward Stuart, master. George Ainger Gordon Chayne, 1st class engineer. John Joseph Brooks, 2nd class engineer. Robert Winterston, 2nd class engineer. John Duncan Macintyre, 2nd class engineer. Adolf Knobloch, river mate. William Robert Sutton, river master. Walter Louis Martynski, 1st class engineer. Thomas Hankins, 2nd class engineer. William George Bolton, 1st mate. William Christopher McCracken, 2nd class engineer.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The late Mr. Thomas Packernell, of King's Heath, Worcester-shire, for many years the leading amateur steepchase rider, riding as "Mr. Thomas" in the Grand National on seventeen occasions, winning in 1880 on Anania, in 1871 on The Lamb, and in 1875 on Pat'sfinder, who was aged seventy-eight, left estate valued for probate at £244.

The Rev. Dr. Arvat, who has been for many years engaged in mission work in China, is accompanying the Rev. Fr. Spada to Italy on the 13th. inst. Fr. Arvat has been recommended to leave the East for reasons of health, and will take with him the good wishes of the Catholics of Hongkong for his speedy recovery. He was the founder of the Ladies Library at the Mission House.

## ESCAPED PRISONER RE-ARRESTED.

Before Mr. Melbourn, at the Magistrate's yesterday, application was made by the Hongkong police on behalf of Mr. R. G. M. Eves for the extradition papers to be put in order for the handing over from the Macao authorities of Wo Kon, alias Wong Kam-shing Li Chan, who was arrested on Sept. 4th, 1912, on a charge of breaking into the house of Mr. McEwen, Reservoir Road. The defendant escaped from police custody whilst he was in hospital on Sept. 5th. He was re-arrested at Macao by the Chief Chinese Detective of the Macao police. Detective Sergeant Watt had charged the man with returning from banishment. The application was granted by Mr. Melbourn. Inspector Watt is in charge of the case.

## THE MARINE COURT.

At the Marine Court to-day before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., the masters of the steam tugs Tsjikoo Shun O and Kwong Lee were summoned by P. C. Evans for remaining alongside Observation Place in such a manner as to prevent free access of other vessels at 1.30 p.m. on March 1st, they not being engaged in taking or landing passengers or cargo. The defendants were fined \$10 or one month each.

A boatwoman was fined \$10 or one month for carrying 11 passengers in excess of the number allowed by licence. 83 or 14 days each was the penalty imposed upon a boatman and boatwoman who were charged by P. C. Moss with failing to exhibit the regulation lights on their boats while under way in the harbour yesterday.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

A prize meeting will be held at Kings Park Range on Easter Monday the 24th inst. Only members who have completed Musket and Drill will be allowed to compete. Programme of events will be issued later.

ANNUAL INSPECTION. The Annual Inspection will be held on Thursday the 27th March at 5.30 p.m. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters, Dress Uniform with Rifles. Every member in order to be efficient must be present at the Inspection or obtain exemption from the President.

FIELD DAY. Sunday March 30th. Fall in at Volunteer Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. The President has asked every member who can possibly do so will attend this parade.

ANNUAL DINNER. The Annual Dinner and presentation of prizes will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday the 29th inst. Members intending to be present are requested to forward their names to the Secretary together with the names of any guests they may wish to ask. Cost of dinner \$3.50 per head.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Criminal Sessions, which were adjourned on Wednesday to allow of the hearing of some motions in the Full Court, were resumed this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.

The first charge heard was one of gang robbery with violence at Tai Hang village on January 15 preferred against two men, Lung Cheung and Wong Yu. Prisoners pleaded not guilty. They were unrepresented, the Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. H. Knap, conducting the prosecution.

The following gentlemen were sworn on the jury: Messrs. W. D. Bell (foreman), F. Astroom, E. F. Annett, A. McTurk Smith, G. H. Banning, G. H. McC. Banning, D. K. Blair and T. J. Fisher.

Before the case was proceeded with the Chief Justice expressed to the jury his regret that owing to the present pressure of business in the Courts they had been kept waiting some time for the case to be called on.

The Crown Solicitor informed the Court that at 6.30 on the evening of January 15 six men entered a house in Tai Hang village. Two of them who had revolvers entered a ground floor cubicle of a house and threatened a man whom they found there. The others went upstairs, where they tied up and tried to gag a maid-servant and stole two rings valued at \$170. The servant raised the alarm and the men ran from the house and scattered. The two prisoners were caught as they were running from the house just after the alarm was raised. In addition to this fact against them there was also against the first prisoner the further piece of evidence that in his pocket a gag was found by the Indian constable who arrested him, and next morning another gag and a knife were found at his residence. The other man made an incriminating statement when charged, and pepper was found in his possession. As was well known this was often used by robbers to blind their victims.

After hearing the evidence of the witnesses the jury found the prisoners guilty and they were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. They were also ordered to receive fifteen lashes of the "cat."

## CHARGE OF KIDNAPING.

Cheung Sui Wong, a young man, was prosecuted by the Crown Solicitor before the same jury for child-stealing.

The case for the prosecution was that on December 14 the child in question disappeared from his mother's house at Yau-mai at 7.30 a.m. The child was found at 5 o'clock the same day on the s.s. Sui Tai while she was near Macao by a painter on the ship, who being suspicious, questioned him and the man in whose charge the child was. Prisoner claimed the boy as a relation and tried to prevent him answering the questions put to him. The painter took prisoner to the purser of the ship, who detained him, and later he was extradited from Macao.

Prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to five years' imprisonment and ordered fourteen strokes of the birch.

## ROBBERY AT LYEE-MUN.

A young man of the coolie class named Ip Ki Loi was indicted for the commission of an armed robbery, with others not in custody, at Lyee-mun village on Feb. 4, and also for receiving stolen goods, the proceeds of the robbery.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. E. J. de Figueiredo, E. D. Zee-ke, C. M. Castro, S. M. Levy, R. W. Bristol, G. H. Wills and J. A. Young.

The Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, stated that at 12.30 a.m. on February 4 prisoner and another man entered the house of a quarry man at Lyee-mun village, proceeded down the household, tied him up, and then proceeded to ransack the house, taking away cash and goods. Prisoner was known to the household and had been for about ten years.

The prosecutor went across the channel to Shaan-wei police station, but as the robbery was committed in the Kowloon City police district he was sent there. This was fortunate for him for on the road at Kowloon he met the prisoner with a bag. When prisoner saw him he ran away, but was caught with the assistance of another man and taken to Yau-mai police station. Prisoner stated that he found the bag, which contained stolen articles, on the roadway, but he omitted to account for other stolen articles which were found in his pocket.

Prosecutor, who said he owned a stone quarry, stated in the course of his evidence that prisoner threatened to "poke him to death" with a pointed bamboo pole, which was produced in Court.

Prisoner, who said nothing in his defence, was found guilty upon both counts, and was sentenced to four years' hard labour and ordered ten strokes of the cat.

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## THE LI FAMILY APPEAL.

## Judgment Delivered To-day.

## APPEAL DENIED WITH COSTS.

This morning in the Full Court of Appeal judgment was delivered in the appeal recently heard by Sir Harland de Saumarez, Sir William Rees Davies and Mr. Justice Gompertz from a judgment of the Chief Justice in the Original Jurisdiction case concerning the family agreement and other matters connected with the well-known Li Family of Hongkong. Their Lordships upheld the decision of the court below, dismissing the appeal with costs.

The Presiding Judge, Sir Harland de Saumarez, in his written judgment, which was very lengthy, said the case was one in which facts only were in dispute. The matter arose out of family difficulties dating as far back as 1904. In that year the Tse Lung Bank, a family concern, was in difficulties, and early in 1905 an agreement was come to by which it was hoped that these difficulties would be surmounted. They were not, and consequently the payments alleged to have been made by the late Li Chuk Chi, who was not personally interested in the bank, were unsuccessful in attaining the end for which they were made. The plaintiff, who was the personal representative of Li Chuk Chi, alleged in the alternative that he advanced money against a borrowing note deposited with him by the defendants—and that he paid this money, some \$54,000, on behalf of and at the request of defendants. The defendants denied the request on that the money was paid, or paid on their behalf, and they set up a family agreement which, according to them, contained conditions which were not fulfilled, that the plaintiff knowing of the non-fulfilment of the terms and conditions of this agreement still paid the money, if it were paid at all, a debt cannot recover; they also pleaded a revocation of promise to pay.

The Fuensu Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, agreed with the presiding judge that the Kwong Yee Wo payment must be disallowed for want of sufficient proof and also that the appeal must be dismissed with costs. His Lordship the Chief Justice in his judgment said he was of the same opinion as the presiding judge. It was unnecessary for him to recapitulate the reasons which guided him, as they were fully stated in the Court below. He thought it right to say, however, in regard to proof of payment, that he found difficulty that the arguments were addressed not that part of the case had removed the difficulty alluded to and had confirmed in his mind the view which he then arrived at. He agreed also that Kwong Yee Wo's claim should be disallowed.

## FATSAN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

## Contract Secured by Local Firm.

## Triumph for British Engineers.

There have been many evidences since the inauguration of the new regime that China is preparing to adopt many of the conveniences of the Western civilisation. One of the latest moves in this direction is the formation of a company to undertake the supply of electrical lighting and motive power to the city of Fatsan, near Canton, and it is satisfactory to know that the principal contract in connection with the installation has been secured by a local British firm, the General Electric Company of China, Ltd. The success of the firm, who in tendering for the generating plant had to compete against many foreign companies, is the more satisfactory in that all the machinery will be of British manufacture as it will come from the well-known engineering works of the General Electric Company of England, Ltd., which is really the parent company of the local concern.

The Fatsan installation, which is being undertaken for a Chinese company registered under the name of the Fatsan Electric Light and Power Co., will be thoroughly up to date in every way, and ample provision is being made to enable the demands of the future to be met. The generating plant which the General Electric Co. of China will install will consist of three phase high-tension electric generators of an overload capacity of about 200 k.w., driven by crude oil engines. The current will be transformed down to a suitable working current in the town and will probably be distributed by means of low tension overhead wires, though this is a point which has yet to be definitely decided, as the contract for wiring and fitting has not yet been placed.

The local company is supplying a switchboard of fourteen panels for distributing the current to the various parts of the town, and it is so designed as to be suitable for future extensions. The plant is expected to arrive at the end of July, and should be ready for starting up by the end of the present year.

It is interesting to note that in consequence of the low-lying nature of the district, which renders it very susceptible to floods, it has been found necessary to raise the site of the generating station above the water level. This installation will be carried out under the supervision of an engineer appointed by the Fatsan company, who are to be compensated upon having placed the machinery contract with a firm of such high repute in the electrical world.

## REAL ESTATE WINS.

THERE never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you or your children are troubled with a cough or cold, give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and you will find it a great relief. For sale by all Chemists and Stockholders.

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## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### LADY SCOTT.

LONDON, March 6.  
Reuter's Sydney correspondent states that Lady Scott has arrived, and is staying with the Governor.

### ANOTHER AVIATION FATALITY.

LONDON, March 6.  
The aviator, Mr. Geoffrey England, who used a monoplane, was killed on Salisbury Plain. He had been to an altitude of five thousand feet.

### GREAT BRITAIN AND SERIAL NAVIGATION.

#### ORDERS AND REGULATIONS ISSUED.

LONDON, March 5.  
In virtue of the powers conferred by the Aerial Navigation Bill, Mr. McKenna, the Home Secretary, has issued lengthy orders and regulations for the control of air craft from abroad, defining prohibited areas, prescribing areas for landing, and giving permission for officers to fire on foreign aircraft contravening these regulations. Aeroplanes and airships from abroad cannot enter Ireland and they can only enter Scotland between Fraserburgh and the Ythan River. They can only enter England at three places on the east coast and four on the south coast. The areas over which aircraft are prohibited from flying number fifty and include dockyards, wireless stations, arsenals and railway stations used for the transportation of troops, landmarks near fortresses, and military works. Aircraft entering are not permitted to carry cameras, homing pigeons, firearms or wireless apparatus.

Foreign airmen must obtain a "clearance" from a British Consulate and must not enter the United Kingdom till 48 hours after it has been granted. They must state the intended landing place and the object of the voyage. When they land they must report to an authorized officer and pay £3 in the case of an airship and £1 in the case of an aeroplane for a permit. The subsequent journey must be effected at the time and along the route specified on the permit. Airships must carry a British representative before quitting the United Kingdom and must descend and report. Foreign Army Aircraft will not be allowed to enter without invitation of permission.

Transgression of the regulations is punishable with imprisonment for six months and a fine of £200. Conviction on a charge of espionage will entail seven years' penal servitude. It is understood that the regulations have been drawn up by the Committee of Imperial Defence.

### INTERESTING COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

LATER.

In view of the Aerial Regulations, the comparative "air" strength of the Powers has been published as follows:—

Great Britain—Large airships 2, aeroplanes 30.  
Germany—Large airships, 13; aeroplanes 250.  
France—Large airships 10; aeroplanes 400.  
Russia—Large airships 6; aeroplanes 250.

### COMMENT ON THE REGULATIONS.

There has been much adverse criticism and considerable ridicule of the new Regulations, which are stated to be likely to frighten away friendly visitors and discourage aeronautics, while airships may remain high enough to escape the firing.

### THE THREATENED STRIKE.

#### TENSION RELIEVED.

LONDON, March 5.  
The statement made by Richardson on the 3rd inst. in an interview published in the press, that if he had known that the instructions emanated from headquarters he would have obeyed, promises to relieve the tension. The Chairman of the Company in a letter to the press said that they had no objection to reinstating Richardson if he repeats the above statement to the Board and undertakes in future to obey his superior officers.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### BRITISH VESSEL BURNING.

LONDON, March 6.  
A telegram from Rio de Janeiro states that the British liner "Turakina," on a voyage from Wellington to London, is burning fiercely.

### THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.

#### HARROWING DETAILS.

LONDON, March 6.  
A telegram from Sydney states that Professor Mawson has received the following wireless message from Professor Mawson:—While exploring the new coast line 300 miles to the south-west of our winter quarters on December 4, Ninnis with a team of dogs and all the food disappeared down an unfathomable crevasse.

Merty and myself, with inadequate provisions and six starving dogs, started over the plateau for the hut, but bad weather retarded our progress. We subsisted chiefly on the dogs.

Merty died on January 1 from causes arising from malnutrition.

I, alone, arrived at the hut having travelled through snow and fogs and been miraculously guided by Providence through the heavily crevassed areas. The "Aurora" waited until it was no longer safe, and had left but a few hours before my arrival at the hut, where six men had been left to prosecute the search.

### THE AMERICA CUP.

#### SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S CHALLENGE.

LONDON, March 5.  
The Daily Express states that Sir Thomas Lipton yesterday sent a challenge for the America Cup Yacht race.

#### SIR THOMAS LIPTON CONFIDENT.

LATER.  
Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America Cup is under the old Rules.

The Race will take place in the Autumn of 1914. Messrs Nicholson, Southampton, are designing the new Shamrock.

Sir Thomas Lipton is confident that his yacht will be able to cross the Atlantic in perfect safety, and if he is going to win, he says he would like to do so under the old Rules.

America has received the news with the greatest interest.

### UNITED STATES NAVY BILL.

#### PRESIDENT TAFT'S "LAST ACT."

LONDON, March 5.  
A Washington message states that one of Mr. Taft's last acts as President was the signature of the Navy Bill, which provides for the construction of one battleship in 1913.

### AMERICA AND MEXICO.

#### MACHINE GUN TO THE FORE.

LONDON, March 5.  
A message from New York reports that another skirmish took place between American cavalry and Mexican Federals on the frontier. The latter opened fire but retreated when confronted with a machine gun.

### GERMANY AND LIBERIA.

#### LEVER BROS. CONCESSION.

LONDON, March 5.  
The attention of the Reichstag was called on Tuesday to the Lever agreement with Liberia in which certain large concessions were to be given the British firm. The Government representative declared that the granting of such a concession of such a scope would amount to a monopoly which was inadmissible under the terms of the Germano-Liberian Commercial Agreement. Germany had protested and was officially informed that the Liberian Legislature had not given the necessary sanction. Should the contingency arise the Government would not fail to protect the treaty rights of Germany interested in Liberia.

[Note:—This telegram refers to an agreement concluded with the Liberian Government empowering Messrs. Lever Bros. to lease 12,000 square miles of land, with monopolies over the oil palms and timber, permits for the use of the land in any way, and all trading rights with the natives.—E. C. M.]

## BY TELEGRAPH.

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### GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT RAMMED.

#### FIFTY MEN DROWNED.

LONDON, March 6.  
A telegram from Heligoland states that the German torpedo destroyer No. 2178, was rammed and sunk by the cruiser York on Tuesday evening off Heligoland. It is stated that fifty men were drowned and fifteen saved.

### SYMPATHY OF THE REICHSTAG.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent telegraphs that in the Reichstag Admiral von Tirpitz attributed the great loss of life to a storm. The Navy mourned the loss of their comrades, but it would only spur them to fulfil their duty for the Emperor and the Empire. The President expressed the deep grief of the House.

#### ANOTHER REPORT.

LATER.  
Sixty-six men are now stated to have perished. The torpedo boat was the S178 not the 2178 as stated. Those lost include Lieutenant Pies, the commanding officer, while the engineer, the surgeon and fifteen of the crew were saved.

### DISASTER DURING MANOEUVRES.

Another telegram from Heligoland states that the German fleet had been manoeuvring between Heligoland and Wilhelmshaven under the eye of the Emperor, who only left the fleet yesterday.

The flotilla to which the S178 belonged had been suddenly ordered to join the manoeuvres yesterday.

#### LATER DETAILS.

The disaster is the worst in the German annals since 1896.  
A telegram from Berlin states officially that the S178 was returning at night from the manoeuvres, and that the collision occurred five miles north-east of Heligoland. The torpedo boat, which sank very rapidly, had a crew of 83, and only a small proportion was saved.  
The cruiser York was undamaged.

### SYDNEY GASWORKERS' STRIKE.

#### EIGHT HUNDRED AMATEUR GAS WORKERS.

LONDON, March 6.  
At the meeting called by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, to obtain volunteers to restart the gas works, which had been idle owing to a strike, there was considerable disorder, and the police used their batons. Eventually eight hundred volunteers were enrolled, including many students of engineering, and the gas was turned on in North Sydney.

### THE EXECUTIVE'S ATTITUDE.

Reuter's Sydney correspondent states that the Executive of the Labour Council has asked trades' unionists to refrain from joining the strikers. The prospects of a sufficiency of free labour are promising, and a general gas supply is expected to-morrow. The city police are being strengthened by police from the country.

### GOVERNMENT AND ARBITRATION.

The Premier has explained that the Government intervened on behalf of the public because it stands for the principle of arbitration.

### TURCO-BALKAN WAR.

#### THE ALLIES TO CONSULT.

LONDON, March 5.  
The Allies intend consulting with one another before accepting the Powers' mediation, but it is likely that they will insist upon the preliminary acceptance of their terms in principle. When all have assented, the Powers will probably prepare a draft Treaty for acceptance by the belligerents.

### A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

A message from Athens reports that a Greek naval division bombarded Santi Quaranta, the port of Janina, and after annihilating the Turkish artillery, troops were landed.

### TURKEY'S ATTITUDE.

A message from Constantinople states that the Grand Vizier, in an interview denied that peace was imminent. Turkey accepted the mediation of the Powers, but was not negotiating with Bulgaria direct. Turkey would refuse to pay a war indemnity.

### THE ESPIONAGE CHARGE.

EVIDENCE UP TO-DATE.

At the Magistrate's court this afternoon before Mr. Hazland, Karl Boettcher, 28, described as a clerk, and a native of Trier, Germany, was charged on remand by Inspector Watt for contravening the Defence (Sketches Prevention) Ordinance, 1895, by taking photographs of Belcher's and Mount Davis forts without permission; and further with having photographic materials in his possession with the intention of contravening the same Ordinance.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Asst. Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harcourt, defended.

Mr. Hodgson said he desired to add another charge under the same Ordinance with respect to another photograph of Mount Davis.

Mr. Shenton said his client pleaded not guilty to all charges. Although he had no permission it was in the interests of everyone concerned that he should enter a plea of not guilty.

Mr. Hodgson said the facts were very simple. The defendant was found within the vicinity of certain forts of the colony—Upper Belcher's and Mount Davis. The defendant—which he thought was not denied—booked "would hand in, and his submission would be that they were photographs of these forts, and that they were unlawfully taken in contravention of the Ordinance. It was not necessary for him to prove for what purpose the photographs were taken or what purpose the defendant had in his mind when he took them.

The defendant on January 26th—a Sunday morning about 11 o'clock was seen by two military men outside Belcher's Battery with the camera fixed on a tripod (pointed towards Belcher's Battery). He was taken into custody and the camera was taken from him. Eventually the plates were developed and it was found that the defendant had taken five photographs altogether, quarter-plate size. One of the photographs was of Mount Davis, an important military fortification; and a general view of the harbour taken from the same position. The next was another view of the harbour, which took in Belcher's Battery fairly clearly. There was another photograph which was taken last of all in which the defendant came out not very distinctly and was blurred somewhat by the fact that the two Indian men who took the defendant in charge had come out on the plate, very indistinctly. The fifth plate was broken, but it was fogged, and nothing could be distinguished on it. The defendant and the plates and camera were taken to No. 7 Police Station, and he was there charged and let out on bail. The camera was confiscated, and the plates were developed.

Gunner Madi Khan, of the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion R.A., deposed that he was coming from Elliot's Battery about 10.45 a.m. with another Indian gunner going towards Belcher's. They saw the defendant with a camera and arrested him. They took him to the Corporal of the guard at Lower Belcher's. In reply to Mr. Shenton, witness said that the defendant was on the road the whole time.

Gunner Bata Khan, of the Royal Artillery, who was with the last witness when the arrest took place, gave corroborative evidence.

Major J. B. G. Tulloch, General Staff, on being shown the four photographs which Mr. Shenton admitted were taken by the defendant on the day in question, deposed that the photographs represented, including Mount Davis, Upper Belcher's Battery, forts on Stonecutter's Island, and Lower Belcher's Battery.

Major Tulloch in reply to Mr. Shenton, said that no guns were visible in the photographs. To the ordinary eye of the man in the street there was nothing of importance on the photographs, but he would point out places confidentially to the Magistrate.

Mr. Shenton: That photo to be of any use to anyone coming to invade Hongkong would have been taken from a totally different position? It would have to be taken from the water?—I do not admit that at all.

Would it not be better?—Many things would be better. It would be better to photograph the guns straight.

The photo is of no value?—I do not think it is of no value. It is a matter of debate.

The country there is very pretty—it would make a good photo?—It is not a photo I would have taken myself.

But the country is pretty?—Yes; the country from which photo was taken is pretty.

In reply to further questions, Major Tulloch said that a photo of one gun appeared in the picture of Belcher's Fort. The photograph of Stonecutter's Island was useful, but not in the same degree as the others. It was a question of distance. On the pathway from which the photographs were taken there was no notice telling people not to take photographs—there were none on the island.

There were no notices in England, but people knew they were not allowed to take photos of fortifications. There were no patrols to stop people from taking photos on the public roads. There were sentries in certain places, however.

Major Tulloch: Anyone who has been in the army knows that the taking of photos near forts is not allowed. You might go to Japan and take photos anywhere, so long as you are not "collared." (Laughter.) I was "run in" in Germany for much less than this myself. (Laughter.) I understand that the defendant has been in the artillery.

Mr. Shenton: You do not look upon this case as being at all serious?—I have no grudge against the man.

These photographs might very well have been taken by an ordinary visitor to Hongkong?—They might.

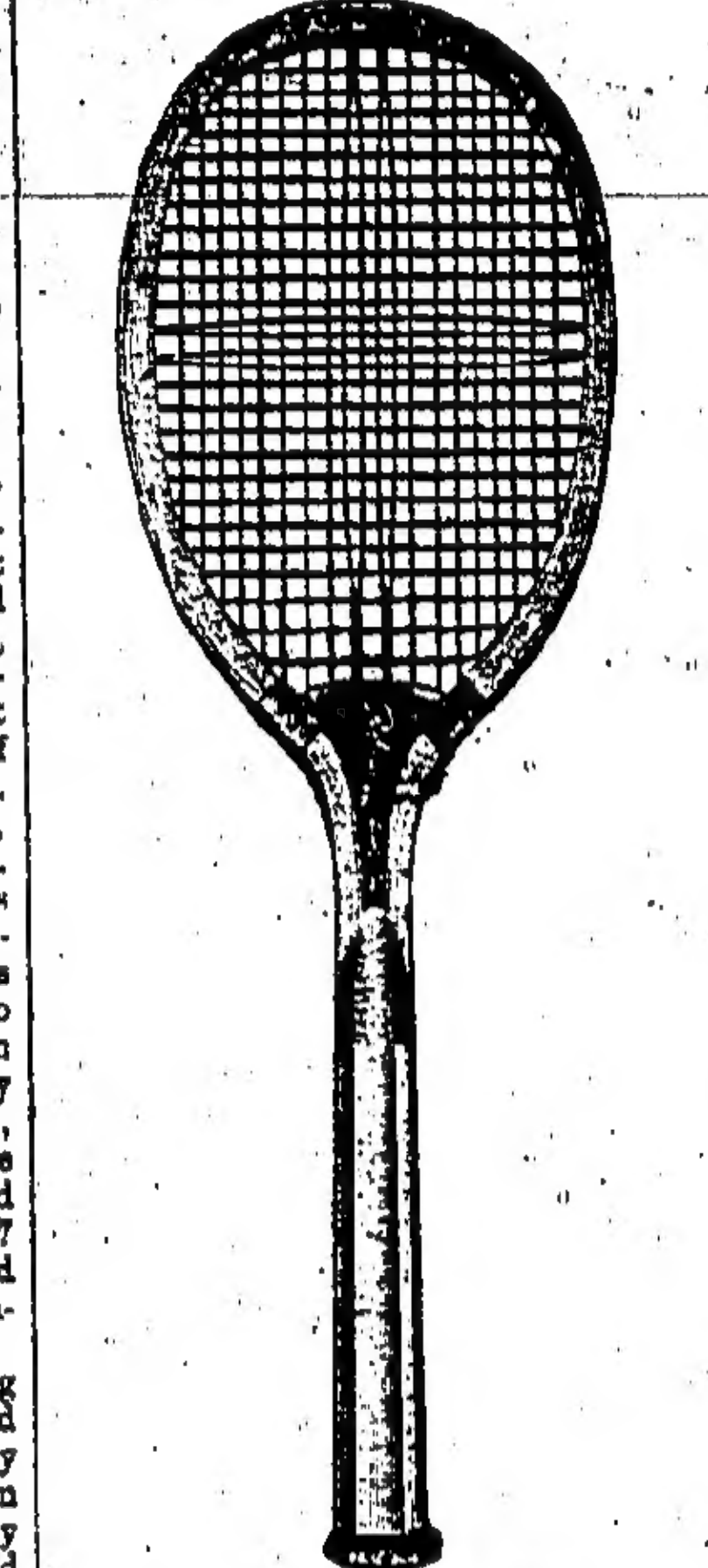
Major Tulloch said at the Police Station he asked the defendant if he had taken photographs of fortifications, and he said "No." Witness told him he must have been near Belcher's, or the natives would not have stopped him. The defendant then said: "I have no photographs on my films of fortifications or guns."

Witness, in reply to Mr. Shenton, said the defendant's private house had been searched. All his photographs were examined and his private correspondence had been read. Nothing was found of

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importance in the box which was shown to witness.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday afternoon, bail being allowed as before.

### BIG ROBBERY AT BONHAM STRAND.

#### PRISONER AT THE SPOT.

Before the Chief Justice this afternoon at the Criminal Sessions a young shop-fork named Wong Cheung was charged with the theft of a large amount of money and a quantity of valuable share certificates and securities from a shop in Bonham Strand, on November 18, 1912. The money stolen included notes of the value of \$850 and a number of gold coins, and the amount of the securities was valued at \$40,000. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

The Crown Solicitor stated that prisoner was fished in the shop at which the theft was committed. On the morning of November 18 when the accountant, who was also a partner in the firm, awoke he found that a bunch of keys had been cut from his girdle and the safe opened with them.

Prisoner was afterwards arrested by the Macao Police with some of the stolen money and papers in his person.

He answered to the Chief Justice the proposition that the value of the stolen money and securities was between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

Continuing his evidence the witness stated that a woman named Li Si returned to the shop all the papers except three share certificates on December 27. The prisoner was employed at the shop and was raising on the morning of December 18.

Other evidence called showed that prisoner left the securities at the house of Li Si where he slept after committing the robbery, and that he made a confession to the Hongkong Police.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1908.

## Notices to Consignees

## BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

## THE Steamship BENALDER.

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-charge Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence and/or from their wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the 11th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.

Hongkong, March 4, 1913.

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, via HONGKONG, LULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA.

## THE Steamship CHITO MARU.

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading or counter-stipulations, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, 7th March, at Noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from Consignees' Godowns.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered on MONDAY, 10th March, at 5 p.m., afterwards will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo to be left on board or in Godowns, examination of same to be held on TUESDAY, 12th inst., at 3 p.m.

All claims must be filed on or before 18th inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.

S. MORIMOTO, Agent.

Hongkong, March 4, 1913.

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

## THE Company's Steamship, KUMANG.

Having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 6th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1913.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM RUROPE.

## THE H. A. L. Steamship SOHWARZBURG.

Captain C. Schwarzburg, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra-charge Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the 10th of March will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 10th of March, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 17th of March, 1913, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.



